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Title: Crowd Control

Operation/Exercise Name: RESTORE HOPE Observed: 23 Jul 1993

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5. (U) OBSERVATION:

Natural material proved effective in controlling civilians.

6. (U) DISCUSSION:

Prickly thorn shrubs provided adequate crowd control when cut and laid like concertina. The Somalians used thorn bushes as corrals for their animals, and it worked to control/direct the wandering children and normal foot traffic.

7. (U) LESSON LEARNED:

Often solutions to problems can be found by observing the local inhabitants.

8. (U) RECOMMENDED ACTION:

None.

9. (U) COMMENTS:

Care should be taken to avoid a strict barrier mind set, especially in a humanitarian effort.